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SUBJECT: FLA LEADER APPROACHES CONSULATE FOLLOWING ALMEIDA
SANTOS INCIDENT

1. AZOREAN LIBERATION FRONT (FLA) LEADER JOSE DE ALMEIDA PHONED ME ON APRIL 17 TO REQUEST A MEETING AT CONSULATE LATER IN DAY. AS PER EMBASSY GUIDANCE, I INFORMED HIM THAT I DID NOT BELIEVE A MEETING WOULD BE ADVISABLE AT THIS TIME. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD.

2. COMMENT: THE FLA LEADER'S APPROACH FOLLOWED THE INCIDENT SATURDAY APRIL 15 IN PONTA DELGADA IN WHICH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ALMEIDA SANTOS, VISITING IN HIS CAPACITY AS A SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER, WAS ROUGHED UP AT THE LOCAL PS HEADQUARTERS BY A CROWD OF RETORNADOS AND FLA SYMPATHIZERS. INFORMATION WE HAVE AT THIS TIME BASICALLY AGREES WITH THAT CONTAINED IN NEWS REPORTS. WE WOULD ADD THAT WHILE FLA NO DOUBT HAD PLANNED TO HARASS THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, THE MINOR INJURIES HE SUFFERED WERE INFLECTED BY A HANDFUL OF RETORNADOS ENRAGED OVER WHAT THEY ALLEGED WAS ALMEIDA SANTOS' "BETRAYAL" OF THEM IN MOZAMBIQUE. (ALMEIDA SANTOS WAS A WELL KNOWN, PROPEROUS LAWYER LIVING IN MOZAMBIQUE PRIOR TO JOINING THE GOP AFTER THE APRIL 25 REVOLUTION.) ALMEIDA SANTOS WAS IN FACT EVENTUALLY SAVED FROM MORE SERIOUS
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INJURY BY TWO KNOWN FLA SYMPATHIZERS WHO WHISKED HIM AWAY TO THE AIRPORT IN THEIR CAR. THE SUPRISINGLY WEAK POLICE PROTECTION AFFORDED ALMEIDA SANTOS WAS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THINGS GETTING OUT OF HAND.
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